Route 1 Motorist Alert

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New Jersey Department of Transportation

Group works to ease the commute during construction

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is about to embark on a series of projects designed to improve the Route 1 corridor between New Brunswick and Trenton.

These projects will occur at different locations along the Route 1 corridor and are designed to increase capacity and eliminate bottlenecks. The last of these projects is scheduled for completion in 1997.

To help ease the commute as much as possible during this extended period, NJDOT has convened a multi-disciplinary task force. The group has identified the following areas for development:

- **coordinating the construction in the corridor,**
- **reaching motorists, public officials, businesses and employers with timely information,**
- **improving signing,**
- **enhancing public transit service,**
- **adding new shuttles,**
- **expanding park and rides in the region,**
- **accommodating emergency services, and**
- **responding to other special needs of corridor residents.**

The Department assembled representatives from its Communications, External Affairs, Suburban Mobility, Design and Construction staffs; NJ TRANSIT, Mercer and Middlesex Counties and the two area transportation management associations, Greater Princeton and Keep Middlesex Moving, to work on this project.

Informational meetings will be scheduled with local officials, the public and Chambers of Commerce after each contract is awarded and before construction begins. However, all interested groups are encouraged to host meetings.

If you would like a meeting, call Alex Brown, NJDOT Office of Community Involvement, 609-530-2110.

The task force plans an extensive program to reach the public with information through local newspapers and radio stations, roadway signs and special mailings. In addition an effort will be made to create a communications network with major employers in the corridor in an effort to reach their employees with information about road conditions before they leave work.

If you would like to join this employer network and/or be placed on a mailing list, call the NJDOT Office of Communications, 609-530-2126.

Employers can receive publications in bulk.

Shoulder work begins in August in West Windsor and Plainsboro

The shoulders along Route 1 from Washington Road to Princeton-Plainsboro Road in West Windsor and Plainsboro will be reconstructed from August through January 1993 to provide six permanent travel lanes on Route 1.

The project encompasses a one-mile segment on both sides of the highway. As a result, the shoulders will not be used as rush hour travel lanes during this time.

Some work will take place at night, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m, during which one of the two travel lanes may be closed. However, an emergency towing service will be on call throughout the construction area to assist disabled motorists. This will decrease problems that could tie up traffic in the corridor.

To ease congestion during these repairs, motorists are encouraged to ride buses and trains, or form vanpools and carpools when possible. **For free ridesharing help, call your regional transportation management association. If you work in Mercer County, call Greater Princeton at 609-452-1491. If you work in Middlesex County, call Keep Middlesex Moving (KMM) at 908-745-4465.**

Other projects **already in progress** on Route 1 in the Trenton/West Windsor area include:

- The connection of Route 129 to Route 1 and the conversion of the Barlow and Greenwood Circles to signalized intersections are expected to be completed in early 1994.

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For Route 1 and free vanpool or carpool information, call 1 800-245-POOL

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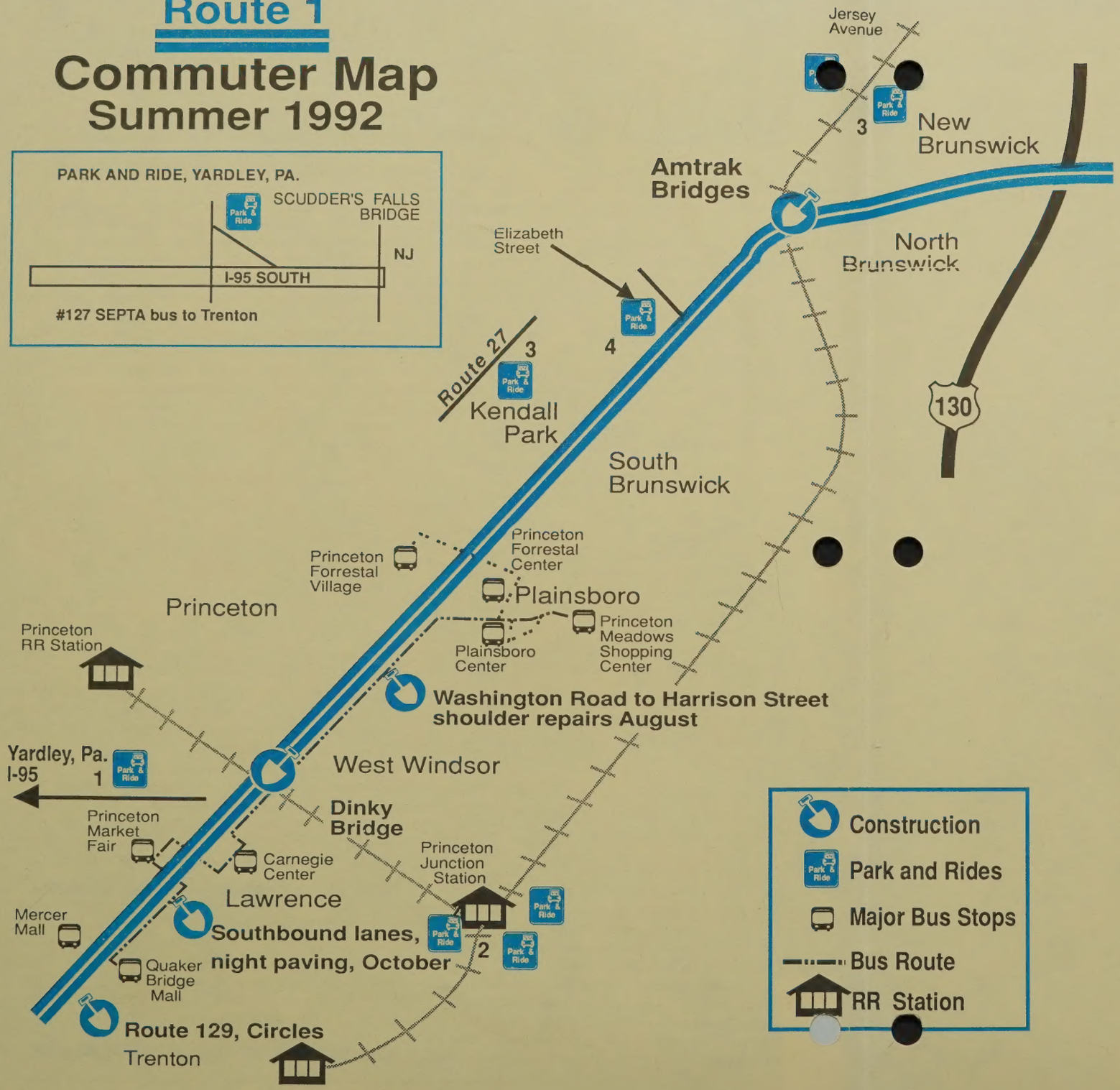

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

NJ TRANSIT offers a number of transportation alternatives in Mercer and Middlesex Counties. Two bus routes operating in the immediate vicinity of the construction area are described below.

Mercer County Service on the Route 1 Corridor

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SEPTA (PA) INFORMATION: 1-215-580-7800
Rail Line: Northeast Corridor (Stations at Trenton, Princeton Junction, Princeton and Jersey Avenue).
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PARK AND RIDES

1. Yardley (PA) Park-and-Ride. Off I-95 in LowerMakefield Township, Bucks County, PA. Free parking is provided for all ridesharing patrons. Train service in nearby Yardley. Commuter bus service available through American Limousine & Coach, Inc., to New York City via Plainsboro. Call (609) 588-5959.

2. Princeton Junction Train Station. Near Route 1 and Alexander Road in Princeton Junction. Permit and metered daily parking (high occupancy). NJ TRANSIT and AMTRAK rail service to Newark, New York, Philadelphia and Northeast Corridor. A limited number of permits are available at the Princeton University Dinky lot. Call the PU Parking Office at 609-258-3157.

3. Kendall Park Park-and-Ride. On Route 27 near Allston Road, in the vicinity of Kendall Park Roller Rink. Free parking is provided for all ridesharing patrons. Bus service is available to Princeton and New York City. Call Suburban Transit at 1-800-222-0492 or 908-249-1100.

4. North Brunswick Park-and-Ride. Off Route 1 southbound on Elizabeth Street and Hartland Commons near Cozzens Lane. Suburban Transit bus service is available to New York City. Call 1-800-222-0492 or 908-249-1100. Free parking is provided for all bus patrons.

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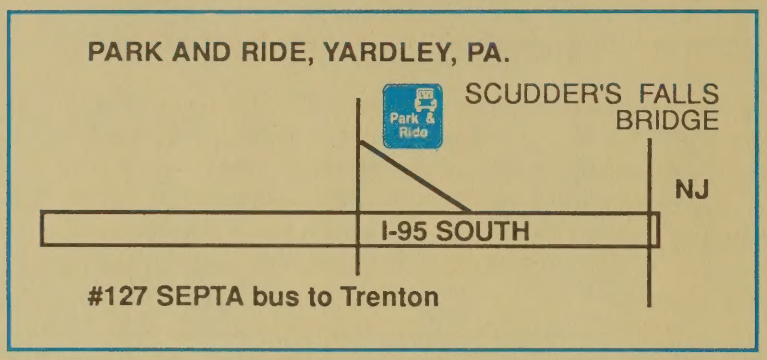

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West Windsor

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Princeton Junction Station

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Lawrence

Mercer Mall

Southbound lanes, night paving, October

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Quaker Bridge Mall

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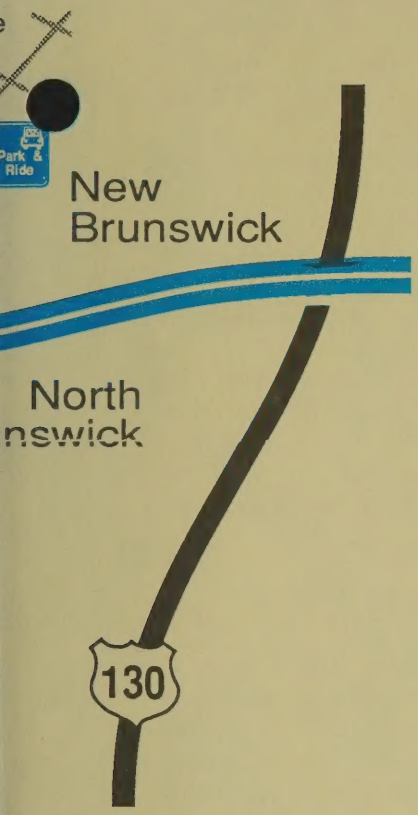

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West Windsor, Plainsboro shoulder work to begin

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• One mile of Route 1, from Broad Street to Perry Street, will be reduced to two 11' through lanes in each direction without shoulders **until late 1992.** There will be intermittent lane width restrictions and lane closings throughout the project on Market Street, South Stockton Street, Greenwood Avenue and Barlow Street.

The following projects will begin this year:

• The DKM company will widen the southbound side, from Emmons Road to the Duck Pond jughandles in West Windsor from **late August to early October.** Lane closings will be at night.

• Circuit City Corp. will widen the northbound side near Quaker Bridge Mall in **September.** Lane closings will be at night.

• There will be lane detours on Clinton, Barlow and Market Streets, Trenton, from **spring 1993 to early 1994.**

• A night paving job from Quakerbridge Road to I-295 in Lawrence Township is scheduled for two weeks in **early October** on the southbound lanes.

• The existing Dinky Railroad Bridge in West Windsor will be replaced with a new structure. The bridge replacement is expected to begin in **late 1992** with completion in early 1994.

• Construction of a new bridge over AMTRAK's Northeast Corridor in New Brunswick will begin in late 1992. Roadway construction will begin in late 1993. The existing overpass will be removed, the traffic signal at Jersey Avenue eliminated, a reverse loop jughandle constructed at Adams Lane and Route 1 widened to six lanes two and a half miles to south of the Route 130 interchange. Construction will be completed by late 1996.

More construction is set to start 1993 through 1997

These projects will start in 1993 or later:

Lawrence Township

Franklin Corner Road/Bakers Basin Road intersection will be upgraded and Route 1 widened to provide six lanes from Route 1 Alternate to I-295. Construction is expected to begin in **mid-1996** and be completed in late 1997.

Grovers Mill Road will be extended to Route 1, to provide access to the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and new office building, the signal at DMV will be eliminated and a two-lane exit from southbound Route 1 to northbound I-295 will be provided. Construction is expected to begin in **early 1993** and be completed in late 1993.

The following construction contracts will provide six traffic lanes on Route 1 from I-295 to north of College Road for 7.2 miles:

West Windsor

• Overpasses at Quaker Bridge Road (existing), Alexander Road, Scudders Mill Road and College Road (existing). The overall construction will begin **in late 1994** and be completed in late 1997.

• Alexander Road interchange, widening 3.2 miles to six lanes and shoulders from north of Quakerbridge Road to the Dinky Railroad Bridge. Construction is expected to begin in the **summer of 1995** with completion late 1997. Route 1 traffic at Alexander Road will be shifted to adjacent roadways during construction of the interchange.

The use of the shoulders for rush hour traffic will be suspended during widening and shoulder reconstruction. Lane closures will be permitted between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Plainsboro

Overpass at Scudders Mill Road, Route 1 widened one mile to six lanes and shoulder from the Millstone River bridge to north of Sayre Drive. Construction is expected to begin **early 1994** with completion by early 1996.

The use of the shoulders during peak hour traffic will be suspended during the construction.

North Brunswick

The following construction contract, in addition to construction by K. Hovnanian, will provide six through lanes from south of Aaron Road to I-287, 11.3 miles:

•The existing intersection will be replaced with an overpass that provides direct connectors between Route 1 and 130. Route 1 will be widened to six lanes through the area. Construction is expected to begin in **mid-1993** and be completed in fall 1996.

The total cost of all of these projects, right of way and construction, is $240 million. The federal government will provide $204 million and the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund, $36 million.

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